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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Chairman, U. S. Intelligence Board

SUBJECT: Annual Report of the NIS Program

I submit herewith the Annual Report of the  
National Survey Program for Fiscal Year 1963.



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Chairman, NIS Committee

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## NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE SURVEY

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### ANNUAL REPORT FISCAL YEAR 1963

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Annual Report of the NIS Program

Fiscal Year 1963

1. The fifteenth year of the Program combined a sustained output of published NIS with significant NIS Committee actions to begin FY 1964 with a marked acceleration in re-oriented and more timely NIS coverage.

2. The Committee, continuing its recommended measures which USIB approved in March 1961, took action to begin with FY 1964 the production of the one-volume General Survey as the primary unit for NIS coverage on a foreign area. This was implemented with required lead-time by an FY 1964 schedule allocating more of the available production effort to the General Survey type of coverage, with further increased selectivity in supplementary NIS topical units.

3. A schedule of 18 General Surveys instead of the former annual level of 12 Chapters I was laid on for FY 1964 as a transition year toward an annual target of 30 General Surveys as a principal means of more timely NIS coverage. This rate of 30 General Surveys per year would permit NIS maintenance with respect to salient aspects at a cycle of some 4 years worldwide, and of some 2 years for foreign areas of priority significance. Further, use of available effort on more selective production of complementary NIS units provides for a materially shortened maintenance cycle for this coverage as well.

4. Work began during the year on the initial General Surveys as comprehensive but concise units capable of providing full NIS coverage on some areas, and in the case of more complex areas providing in general for certain topical fields the basic coverage appropriate for the NIS mission together with General Survey treatment of subjects for which supplementary topical units are appropriate.

5. The Committee took a number of related actions during the course of the year. Chapter I (Brief) was discontinued with the initiation of the General Survey. Map and Chart Appraisal was suspended as a unit of NIS coverage. Key Personalities was terminated as an NIS unit, with transfer to the Office of Central Reference, CIA, of responsibility for this type of programmed biographical coverage. The Committee, the Office of Basic Intelligence, and the contributing agencies cooperated in developing content concepts appropriate for the re-orientations under way, and related changes in NIS presentation.

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6. There were major realignments in NIS production responsibilities during FY 1963. The DIA production center became operational in implementation of Defense Intelligence Agency assumption of former NIS production responsibilities (except for certain service-retained units) of the individual services. The research staff partially recruited in OBI to produce a major portion of the former State contribution was transferred, in order to integrate these CIA specialized capabilities, to the Office of Current Intelligence. Non-USIB agencies producing under CIA contract the former State contributions not transferred to CIA components rounded out their special NIS staffing and were an important factor in NIS production increase over the preceding year.

7. The Assistant for Coordination/DCI and Staff, at USIB request, during the year conducted a survey of the NIS. An interim report addressed itself comprehensively to the complex aspects of the Program, in the context of re-affirming, as had previous surveys, the basic mission and wide utilization of the NIS. At the end of FY 1963 the final report was in process of submission to USIB.

8. The production for FY 1963 was 448 NIS units, including 118 components for Chapters I, compared with 425 units the year before. This brought NIS production to date to approximately 6,500 units, of which more than 1,800 are maintenance revisions of published NIS, essentially completing the first-phase NIS objective of initial worldwide coverage and providing an extensive base for the re-oriented coverage now being expedited.

9. The quality of FY 1963 submissions improved in some topical fields but on average, as noted in the accompanying Annex, remained at a level indicating continued need for improved contributor quality control. Despite the resultant workload devolving on OBI and the typical uneven flow of submissions (over 40% of FY 1963 deliveries were made in the final quarter), OBI developed procedures which, with contributor cooperation, materially shortened the time required for final-phase review, processing, and publication of NIS contributions.

10. The production schedule for FY 1964 sets in motion a significant acceleration in NIS coverage and, with the sustained and responsive support of the participating USIB agencies, establishes a pattern for progressively more timely NIS response to the continuing demand for this coordinated and on-hand basic intelligence.

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1. The FY 1963 schedule called for production of 497 sections compared with 477 scheduled for FY 1962.

2. Production in FY 1963, by major contributing agencies, was as follows:

	<u>Sections Scheduled</u>	<u>Sections Delivered</u>	<u>Shortfall or Excess</u>	<u>Percent Fulfillment</u>
DIA	77	79	+ 2	103%
Army	72	72		100
Navy	30	29	- 1	97
Air Force	19	19		100
 CIA	 223	 191	 - 32	 86
Agriculture	10	6	- 4	60
Commerce	22	16	- 6	73
HEW	16	16		100
Interior	20	14	- 6	70
Labor	8	6	- 2	75
 Total CIA Responsibility	 <u>299</u>	 <u>249</u>	 <u>- 50</u>	 <u>83%</u>
 GRAND TOTAL	 497	 448	 - 49	 90%

The above reflects transfers of Service production to the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) during the year. It also reflects production of the partially staffed research element of CIA which assumed responsibility formerly assigned in INR State and subsequently transferred from OBI to OCI.

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3. The total of 448 sections delivered compared with 425 the year before despite staff reorganization and the fact that some of the non-USIB components began the year without full staffing. The total production was approximately 90% of the sections scheduled, compared with 89% of the previous year. The delivery of some 40% of the FY 1963 production in the final quarter was similar to this undesirable year-end concentration in FY 1962 and previous years.

4. A total of 13 Chapters I (Brief) was produced, bringing to 81 the total of Chapters I produced since July 1954, of which 19 have been maintenance. The production of Chapters I was terminated as of the end of FY 1963; beginning with FY 1964, the General Survey will be the basic unit of NIS coverage.

5. The 448 sections produced in FY 1963 (including the 118 units comprising the Chapters I) increased the total sections since the start of the program to 6,473. Of the FY 1963 production, 327 sections or approximately 73% were maintenance revisions of previously published units, increasing the total maintenance sections to date to 1,823. Yearly production of NIS, by agencies, is shown in Chart A.

6. The cumulative progress of the NIS Program since FY 1949 in terms of number of sections published, and the various phases of production and processing, is shown in Chart B.

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7. The following table shows the qualitative adequacy ratings assigned 469 NIS contributions processed by the Office of Basic Intelligence in FY 1963:

Qualitative Adequacy Ratings by Categories\*

	<u>Number of Sections Rated</u>			<u>Percentage in Each Category</u>		
	<u>I</u>	<u>II</u>	<u>III</u>	<u>I</u>	<u>II</u>	<u>III</u>
State	0	0	2	0%	0%	100%
Army	19	119	1	14	85	1
Navy	7	35	0	17	83	0
Air Force	6	26	2	18	76	6
CIA	61	125	0	33	67	0
Agriculture	1	8	0	11	89	0
Commerce	2	15	1	11	83	6
HEW	5	12	0	29	71	0
Interior	2	13	1	13	81	6
Labor	2	4	0	33	67	0
Total	105	357	7	22%	76%	2%

The 22% in the highest adequacy category compared with 17% the year before and indicated a corresponding qualitative improvement. Qualitative ratings for Defense contributions (except for certain residual items) hereafter will be in terms of DIA rather than the individual Services.

\* Category Adequacy:

- I - NIS material which fully satisfied the fundamental requirements of a well-prepared and well-coordinated basic intelligence study.
- II - NIS material which with reasonable editorial support by CIA satisfied NIS standards.
- III - NIS material which did not satisfy minimum NIS standards without major revision.

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Publication

8. A total of 453 sections was published during FY 1963 as compared to 396 sections last year. The total number of copies of NIS units published in the fifteen years of the Program's operation is now well over 2,700,000.

NIS Gazetteers

9. Eight NIS Gazetteers were produced during the year. All Gazetteers are now on a maintenance basis. A total of approximately 3,300,000 names are covered by the 150 Gazetteers (47 of which are maintenance issues) produced to date.

NIS Dissemination and Use

10. Requests for standard and special dissemination of NIS to a growing number of U. S. Government activities and international staffs remain at a high level. In addition to the programmed dissemination of some 170,000 printed NIS units, special requirements for this on-hand basic intelligence, characteristically showing correlation with critical international developments, during the year resulted in withdrawal of some 28,000 NIS units from the reserve stocks and required reprint runs of 9,300 copies of 62 previously published NIS units.

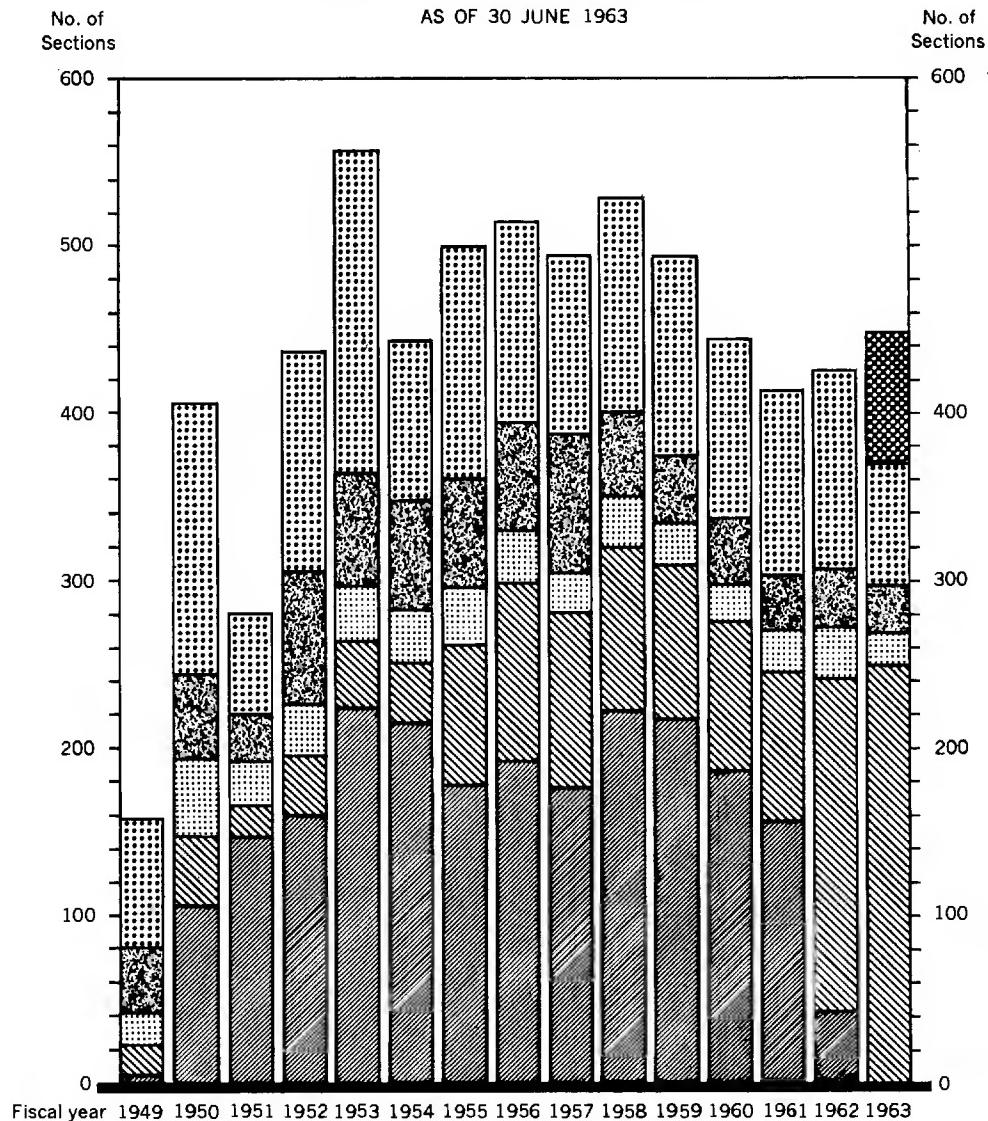
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THE NIS PROGRAM  
CONTRIBUTOR PRODUCTION OF NIS BY YEAR

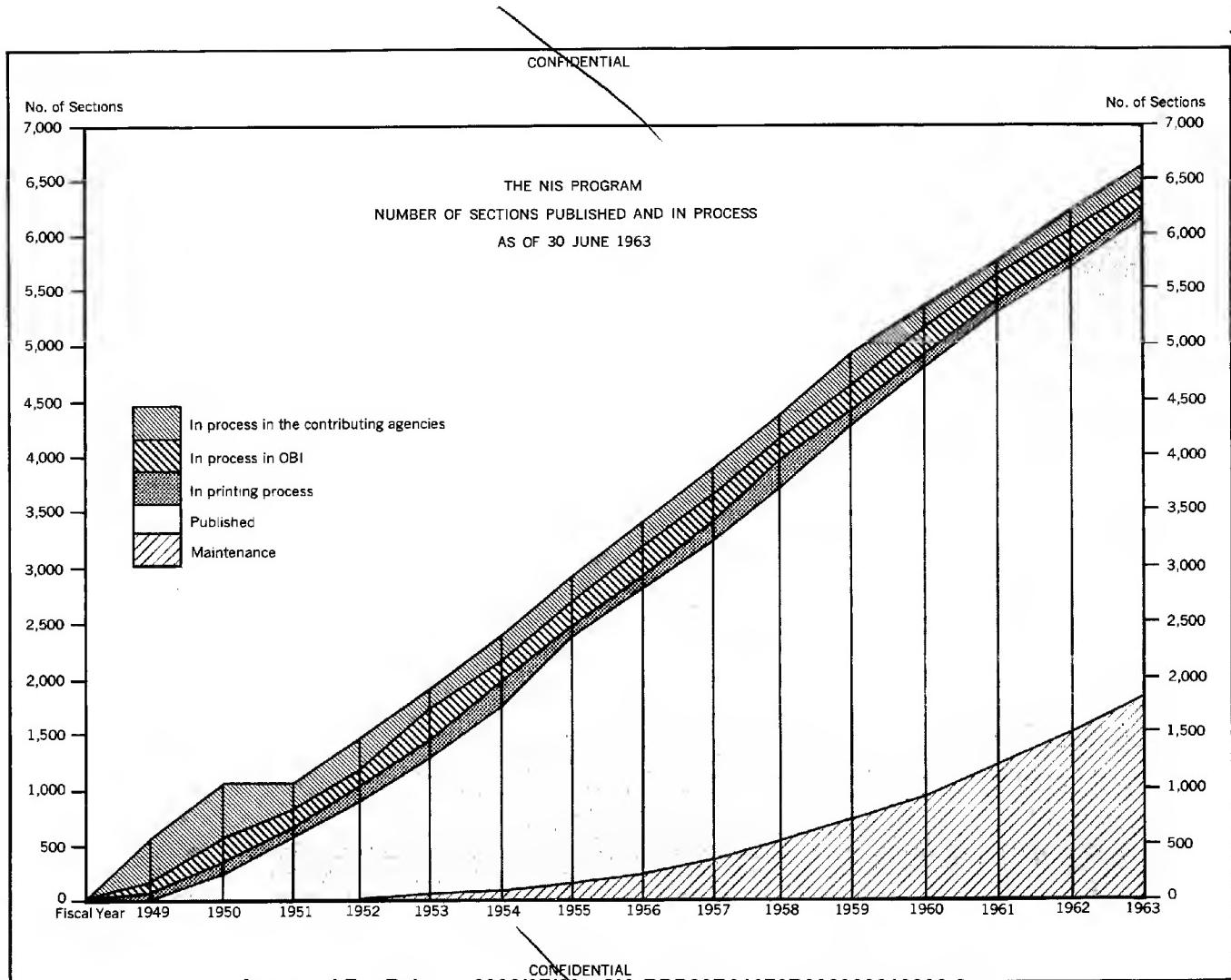
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\*Since F.Y. 1962, includes contributions from Departments of Defense, Agriculture, Commerce, HEW, Interior and Labor (Similar contributions formerly included under State).

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